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SUBJECT: NAVAL EXERCISES BETWEEN COMIDEASTFOR AND IMERIAL  
IRANIAN NAVY

REF: (A) TEHRAN 6767; (B) STATE 183032; (C) TEHRAN 6598

1. ANY JOINT NAVAL EXERCISES BETWEEN US AND IRANIAN NAVIES IN GULF WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE SEIZED UPON BY RADICAL ARABS AND GROUND INTO THEIR PROPAGANDA DENUNCIATIONS OF IMPERIALISM, ETC.
  2. FOR THE MOST PART, WE CAN EXPECT SAG TO REMAIN UNMOVED BY SUCH ACCUSATIONS. BUT SAUDIS ARE NEVERTHELESS WATCHFULLY AWARE OF IRANIAN ASPIRATIONS TO BE DOMINANT IN GULF, ISSUE OF ABU MUSA/TUNBS STILL PENDING, AND SENATOR FULBRIGHT'S SPEECH OF LATE MAY ABOUT POSSIBLE US RESORT TO "SURROGATE POWERS" IN GULF HAS APPEALED TO IMAGINATION OF MANY OF OUR SAUDI FRIENDS.
  3. FOR THESE REASONS IT MAY BE DESIRABLE THAT USN'S EXERCISES WITH IIN NOT BE SO FREQUENT NOR VISIBLE AS TO SEEM TACITLY TO CONFIRM TO SAUDIS IIN'S OWN VIEW OF ITS
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GULF MISSION. COULD JIDDA BE MADE INFO ADDRESSEE WHEN SUCH

EXERCISES ARE DECIDED UPON?

4. SAUDI NAVY STILL IN ITS INFANCY BUT POSSIBILITY OF  
RSNF VESSELS/PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN SUCH TRAINING  
EXERCISES MIGHT IN FUTURE BE CONSIDERED, AND MIGHT ADD  
TO "EVEN-HANDED" APPEARANCE OF OUR NAVAL POLICY IN GULF.  
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